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ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, FROM THE GOVERNORS

OF

HER MAJESTY'S COLONIAL POSSESSIONS,

RELATIVE TO THE

MONEY VOTED AND SUBSCRIPTIONS RAISED

FOR THE

RELIEF OF THE DESTITUTE POOR

IN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND.

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STATEMENT of the AMOUNTS of MONEY VOTED, and SUBSCRIPTIONS raised in HER MAJESTY'S COLONIAL POSSESSIONS, for the RELIEF of the DESTITUTE POOR in IRELAND and SCOTLAND, so far as the same have been Reported to the SECRETARY of STATE.

Colony.	Amount Voted or Subscribed. £.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	Date of Governor's Report.	Page.
CANADA	. . . . .			*20,000	0	0	Lord Elgin, 28th May, 1847	7
NOVA SCOTIA .	. . . . .			1,000	0	0	†Sir J. Harvey, 2nd February, 1847 . .	. .
NEW BRUNSWICK	1,250	0	0	. . . . .			‡Sir W. M. G. Colebrooke, 26th Feb. 1847	. .
	330	10	10	. . . . .			,, ,, 27th Mar. 1847	7
	59	9	5	. . . . .			,, ,, 28th May, 1847	8
				1,640	0	3		
NEWFOUNDLAND	500	0	0	. . . . .			§Lieut.-Colonel Law, 1st March, 1847 .	.
	350	0	0	. . . . .			,, ,, 27th March, 1847 .	8
				850	0	0		
BERMUDA . . .	. . . . .			500	0	0	Governor Elliot, 28th April, 1847 . .	8
JAMAICA . . .	525	0	0	. . . . .			The Rt. Hon. Sir C. E. Grey, 22nd May, 1847	9
	25	0	0	. . . . .			Captain Dillon, 6th April, 1847 . . .	10
	25	0	0	. . . . .			,, ,, 20th April, 1847 . . .	11
				575	0	0		
BAHAMAS . . .	704	15	2	. . . . .			Governor Mathew, 9th April, 1847 . .	12
	42	5	7	. . . . .			Lieut.-Governor Nesbitt, 9th May, 1847	13
				747	0	9		
BARBADOS . . .	. . . . .			2,000	0	0	Governor Reid, 15th March, 1847 . .	14
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	26	3	0	. . . . .			,, ,, 6th May, 1847	. .
				565	1	3		
TOBAGO	. . . . .			310	3	5	Lieut.-Governor Græme, 4th May, 1847	16
ST. LUCIA . . .	. . . . .			604	0	11	Lieut.-Colonel Hay, 26th April, 1847 .	17
ANTIGUA . . .	. . . . .			645	2	3	Governor Higginson, 11th May, 1847 .	17
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BRITISH GUIANA	1,200	0	0	. . . . .			§§Governor Light, 5th March, 1847 . .	. .
	1,000	0	0	. . . . .			,, ,, 19th March, 1847 . .	19
	550	0	0	. . . . .			,, ,, 2nd April, 1847 . . .	20
	250	0	0	. . . . .			,, ,, 18th April, 1847 . .	20
	170	5	8	. . . . .				
				3,170	5	8		
Total amount of votes or subscriptions reported to the Secretary of State.				33,106	14	6		

Colonial Office, Downing Street, 14th July, 1847.

* No part of this sum has been received at the Colonial Office.

† For Sir John Harvey's Despatch of 2nd February, 1847, vide Sessional Papers, 1847—House of Lords, No. 311; and House of Commons, No. 92.

‡ For Sir W. Colebrooke's Despatch of 26th February, 1847, vide Sessional Papers, 1847—House of Lords, No. 63; and House of Commons, No. 225.

§ For Lieut.-Colonel Law's Despatch of 1st March, 1847, vide Sessional Papers, 1847—House of Lords, No. 115; and House of Commons, No. 303.

§§ For Governor Light's Despatch of 5th March, 1847, vide Sessional Papers, 1847—House of Lords, No. 312; and House of Commons, No. 287.

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CANADA.

No. 1.

(No. 50.) No. 1.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Earl of ELGIN to Earl GREY.

MY LORD, Government House, Montreal, 28th May, 1847.

I HAVE the honour to state for your Lordship's information, that very large subscriptions for the relief of Irish and Scotch distress have been made in this province. I have no means of ascertaining with accuracy the amount which has been raised, but I am disposed to think, from enquiries which I have made, that it does not fall short of 20,000*l.* To this fund the inhabitants of all creeds and origins have liberally contributed. It will be gratifying to your Lordship to learn that several of the Indian tribes have expressed a desire to share in relieving the wants of their suffering white brethren. The sum subscribed by them already exceeds 175*l.*

The Right Hon. Earl Grey, &c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

No. 2.

(No. 22.) No. 2.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Governor Sir W. M. G. COLEBROOKE to Earl GREY.

MY LORD, Fredericton, New Brunswick, 27th March, 1847.

WITH reference to my Despatch No. 14, of the 26th ult., enclosing the first of a set of bills for 1250*l.* sterling, I do myself the honour to enclose the first of a further set of bills drawn at 30 days sight, for the sum of 330*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* sterling. The grant of the Assembly towards the relief of distress from famine in Ireland and Scotland having been 1500*l.*, a further sum of 250*l.* has become necessary to complete the sum; and I have been requested by Right Reverend Dr. Dollard, the Roman Catholic Bishop in New Brunswick, to remit a sum of 80*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* sterling, the amount of collections from the congregation in his church at Fredericton, for the relief of their suffering fellow-countrymen in Ireland, and which he considers will be most appropriately applied through Her Majesty's Government.

For Sir W. Colebrooke's Despatch, 26th February, 1847, No. 14, *vide* Sessional Papers, House of Lords, 1847, No. 63; House of Commons, No. 225.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey, &c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

No. 3.

(No. 48.) No. 3.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Governor Sir W. M. G. COLEBROOKE to Earl GREY.

MY LORD, Fredericton, New Brunswick, 28th May, 1847.

I HAVE the honour to enclose the first of a set of Bills of Exchange for 59*l.* 9*s.* 5*d.* sterling, which has been collected in the county of Carleton, in aid of the funds for the relief of the suffering poor in Scotland and Ireland, two-thirds of which it is reqnested may be apportioned to Ireland and one-third to Scotland.

From the high price of provisions in this province and the reports I have

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NEW BRUNSWICK.

received of the deficiency of the supplies, I apprehend there is too much reason to anticipate the difficulties which are alluded to by the inhabitants of Carleton in the enclosed letter, which accompanied the remittance, and whose benevolent disposition for their suffering fellow subjects is the more praiseworthy.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Earl Grey, &c. &c. &c. (Signed) W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

Enclosure in No. 3.

Enclosure in No. 3.

Woodstock, 26th May, 1847.

SIR,

AT a public meeting convened here in the end of last March, to endeavour to raise some assistance for our suffering fellow-subjects in Ireland and the Highlands of Scotland, it was resolved, that the amount collected should be sent to his Excellency the Lieut.-Governor, to be by him remitted to the Committee in England, two-thirds to be apportioned to Ireland and one-third to Scotland, and in accordance with that resolution, I now beg to inclose you a draft on the Central Bank for 7*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* to be remitted in a Bill of Exchange as above stated. I regret that the amount collected here has been so small, but there is so much misery and destitution in this country, caused chiefly by the scarcity and dearth of provisions, that many who would have contributed more largely towards the assistance of their fellow-subjects at a distance, have so many urgent claims upon their sympathies by those who come under their own observation, that they are unable to do so much as they would wish, but if the small sum now sent can only be instrumental in saving one destitute family from starvation, "verily we will have our reward."

I have, &c.

Alfred Read, Esq. (Signed) J. ROBERTSON.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

No. 4.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

(No. 58.) No. 4.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Colonel LAW to Earl GREY.

MY LORD, Government House, Newfoundland, 27th March, 1847.

For Col. Law's Despatch, 1st March, *vide* Sessional Papers, 1847, No. 115; House of Commons, 1847, No. 303.

WITH reference to my Despatch, No. 53, dated 1st instant, transmitting to your Lordship a Bill for 500*l.*, raised at a public meeting held here for the relief of the distressed Irish, I have now the honour to forward the third of Exchange of said Bill, together with the first of another Bill of Exchange for the sum of 350*l.* in furtherance of the benevolent object contemplated in my former communication to your Lordship.

I have, &c.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey, &c. &c. &c. (Signed) ROBERT LAW.

BERMUDA.

No. 5.

BERMUDA.

(No. 36.) No. 5.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor ELLIOT to Earl GREY.

Bermuda, 28th April, 1847.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit a Bill upon the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the sum of 500*l.*, with a request that your Lordship will be pleased to give directions for the application of the money, agreeably to the resolution of the Legislature of this colony.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) CHARLES ELLIOT.

To the Right Hon. Earl Grey, &c. &c. &c.

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BERMUDA.

Enclosure in No. 5.

Enclosure in No. 5.

RESOLUTIONS of the LEGISLATURE of BERMUDA.

WHEREAS, in consequence of the failure of the crop of potatoes during the last year in Ireland and some other parts of the United Kingdom, a vast number of the population have been reduced to a state of extreme destitution, and many are perishing of famine; and whereas the Legislature of Bermuda are desirous of evincing their sympathy with the sufferers, and, as far as the limited resources of this small colony will admit, of contributing to their relief:—

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to receive, and the public treasurer be, and he hereby is authorized and required to pay out of the public treasury into the hands of his Excellency the Governor the sum of five hundred pounds, to be remitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be applied towards the relief of the persons suffering from famine, either in Ireland, Scotland, or any other part of the United Kingdom.

Passed the Assembly this 26th day of April, 1847.

By order of the House,

ALEXANDER EWING,
Speaker.

Concurred in this 26th day of April, 1847.

THOMAS BUTTERFIELD,
President.

Assented to this 26th day of April, 1847.

CHARLES ELLIOT,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

True Copy.
C. FOZARD, D. C. S.

JAMAICA.

JAMAICA.

No. 6.

(No. 50). No. 6.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. Sir C. E. GREY to Earl GREY.

MY LORD, King's House, Jamaica, 22nd May, 1847.

BY the 22nd clause of the Colonial Act, 10th Vic., c. 47, entitled "An Act for laying a tax on stock and on trades, supercargoes, and masters of vessels, and on houses, lands, and buildings, and on certain wheel carriages, and applying the same to several uses, and for other purposes," a copy of which Act will be forwarded by the island Secretary to your Lordship by this packet, the Receiver-General is directed to pay to the order of the Governor 500 guineas for distribution amongst the distressed inhabitants of Ireland and of the Highlands and islands of Scotland, in the proportions of 300 guineas for Ireland and 200 for Scotland.

Under this grant I have now the honour to transmit to your Lordship the first of a Bill of Exchange for 500 guineas drawn by the Chairman and Secretary of the Planter's Bank here on the Union Bank of London, and payable at ninety days' to the order of John Edwards, Esq., and indorsed by Mr. Edwards, the Receiver-General, to my order, and by me to the order of your Lordship.

Mr Edwards to Mr. Pilgrim, 22nd May, 1847.

This form of remittance is of the Receiver-General's selection, a copy of whose letter is enclosed, and the Act directs that the money should be transmitted by the Governor. I presume it to be intended that it should follow the ordinary course of my official correspondence.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) C. E. GREY.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 6.

Enclosure in No. 6.

Public Treasury, 22nd May, 1847.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to enclose the Planter's Banks 1st and 2nd of Exchange for 525*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.* in obedience to the 22nd section of the Act of 10 Vic., cap. 47.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) JOHN EDWARDS, Receiver-General.

Thos. F. Pilgrim, Esq.,
Government Secretary, Spanish Town.

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JAMAICA.
No. 7.

(No. 50.) No. 7.

Copy of a DISPATCH from Earl Grey to the Right Hon. Sir C. E. Grey.

Downing Street, 14th May, 1847.

Sir,

I have received from Captain Dillon, stipendiary magistrate of Jamaica, a letter dated 6th April, accompanied by an order for 25*l.*, being the amount of subscriptions which have been raised in the parish of St. Anne's, Jamaica, on behalf of the suffering Irish.

I have to request you to inform Captain Dillon that I have transmitted this remittance to the British Association for the Relief of the Distress in Ireland and Scotland.

I have, &c.,
(signed) GREY.

The Right Hon. Sir C. E. Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 7.

Enclosure in No. 7.

Dry Harbour, Jamaica, 6th April, 1847.

My Lord,

Being upwards of fifty miles from Kingston, it is not in my power to transmit to the recipients in that city for the relief of the distressed Irish, the sum subscribed by the kind-hearted inhabitants of St. Ann's Bay, in sufficient time for this packet, I have therefore presumed on my connection with your Lordship's office, and the urgency of the occasion, to beg that your Lordship will cause the enclosed order for 25*l.* to be transmitted to the proper channel (of which I am ignorant) for the relief of the distressed Irish; upwards of 200*l.* has been subscribed by the generous people of Falmouth and Trelawny, and will, I hope, go home by this packet.

Feeling assured that your Lordship takes an interest in the character and proceedings of such servants of the Crown as are under the immediate control of the Colonial Office, I do myself the honour to submit my address to the inhabitants of St. Ann's and Trelawny, for your Lordship's perusal.

I have, &c.
(Signed) T. A. Dillon.

The Right Honourable Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

To the Inhabitants of St. Ann's and Trelawny.

My Friends.—The Almighty has been pleased to visit my native country with his displeasure. Famine—unmitigated famine—without a parallel in the history of the world, has prostrated an entire nation. It has fallen with unsparing violence on women and children—their helplessness has made them speedy victims! Imagine a dying infant seeking nourishment from the breast of a dead parent!! This fact is affirmed by a venerable and venerated correspondent, in a letter which I received by the last packet. He adds—(I must give you his own words), "The old mountain looks green even to its summit—the river is serene and tranquil—the ancient trees are just beginning to bud—but, oh God! who will be left to sit beneath their foliage! Twenty-seven graves have been opened within the last nine days—the descendants (for they were all young), of your old, but humble friends, now occupy them."

I am but ill-qualified to enlist your sympathies, whilst overpowered by my own feelings—and, on no ordinary occasion would I intrude my slender claims, or my country's grief, upon your attention—but, delicacy and pride, (either personal or national) would be criminal and unpardonable, at such a crisis.

I have lived long amongst you as a servant of the Crown, without being a single week absent from the duties which I owe to society; my humble means, and still more humble abilities, have ever been exerted, (irrespective of class, condition, or station) for your general welfare; let me then invoke you by the connexion that exists between us, to aid my unfortunate countrymen.

We have had our own trials—but this year, a merciful Providence has blest your exertions! Propitiate its continuance, I entreat you, by acts of benevolence, and may God perpetuate your prosperity.

Time has not been allowed me, to consult with the esteemed friends I have named as the recipients of your bounty—nor shall I offend their humanity, by tendering an apology for the omission.

I remain my dear friends, your faithful Servant,

29th March 1847. T. A. Dillon, Stipendiary Magistrate.

Lists will be opened, and subscriptions received, at Falmouth, by Messrs. P. Abraham and Co.; at St. Ann's Bay, by Messrs. Bravo, Bro. and Co.; at Brown's Town, by A. Isaacs Esq.; and at Dry Harbour, by James Wilson, Esq.

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JAMAICA.

My Dear Captain Dillon, Saint Ann's Bay, 5th April, 1847.

I think it best at once to forward you a draft on our agents for the amount subscribed for the unfortunate of your native land. I send you at foot a list and a check for 25*l*. I have not been as successful as I hoped, but on the public days next week, I hope to be able to get an amount, at least. equal with that now sent. The Rector, and Wesleyan, and Baptist parsons promise me a charity sermon.

(No. 58.) No. 8. No. 8.

Copy of a DESPATCH from Earl Grey to the Right Hon. Sir C. E. Grey.

Sir, Downing Street, 29th May, 1847.

I have to request that you will inform Captain Dillon, Stipendiary Magistrate of Jamaica, that I have duly received the letter dated the 20th April, which he has addressed to me containing a further remittance of 25*l*. towards the relief of the distress in Ireland; and that I have transmitted this remittance to the British Association charged with dispensing the sums collected for this purpose.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) GREY.

The Right Hon. Sir C. E. Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 8. Enclosure in No. 8.

My Lord, Dry Harbour, Jamaica, 20th April 1847.

I do myself tha honour of forwarding a second subscription of 25*l*. to your Lordship's care to alleviate the existing distress in Ireland.

In doing so I am not only desirous that your Lordship, as Minister for the Colonies, should be the medium of this benevolent work, but also to hring under your Lordship's observation every circumstance calculated to raise the inhabitants of this island in your Lordship's estimation.

The island Legislature have voted 500*l*.! The parish of Trelawny have subscribed 500*l*.! The parish of St. Anne 200*l*.! There is room for commentary here, my Lord, which I am rejoiced to think introduces these two parishes favourably to your Lordship's notice.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) T. A. Dillon, Stipendiary Magistrate.

The Right Honourable Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

BAHAMAS.

BAHAMAS.

(No. 26.) No. 9. No. 9.

Copy of a DESPATCH from Governor Mathew to the Right Hon. Earl Grey.

My Lord, Government House, Nassau, 9th April, 1847.

I have the honour to enclose a vote of the Council and Assemhly of the Bahamas, passed just previously to the close of their session, appropriating the sum of 500*l*. to the relief of the sufferers hy famine in Ireland and Scotland.

This sum the Legislature desired to place in your Lordship's hands, to be applied in such division, and through such channel, as might in your Lordships' opinion best second their object.

I assure myself that, in this cause, I need not apologize to your Lordship for hurthening your kind co-operation with the further sum of 204*l*. 15*s*. 2*d*., collected hy the clergy and ministers in this small island, according to the following detail.

The sum total (704*l*. 15*s*. 2*d*.) has been paid into the Commissariat chest at this station, and I heg herewith to enclose Mr. Deputy-Commissary Archer's receipt for the amount.

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	£.	s.	d.
Collected at Christ Church	49	1	2
" St. Matthew's	12	2	4
" Bray's Chapel	5	8	4
" St Anne's	3	18	10
" Grantstown	1	10	0
" St. Andrew's Kirk	48	7	11
" Wesleyan Chapels	20	16	8
" Baptist Chapels	6	10	2
Presented by St. Andrew's Society	21	1	0
Private subscriptions	31	9	2
A balance remaining from subscriptions raised in 1843 for the sufferers in Antigua	4	9	7
	204	15	2
Vote of the Legislature	500	0	0
	£704	15	2

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Earl Grey, (Signed) G. B. MATHEW.
&c. &c. &c.

Encl. in No. 9.

Enclosure in No. 9.

RESOLVED, *nemine contradicente* :—

I. THAT this House, in humble acknowledgment of the goodness of Divine Providence to the inhabitants of these islands, in heartfelt gratitude, also, for their exemption from some of those severe visitations which have lately fallen upon other portions of the world, and with feelings of deep commiseration for the extreme destitution, and consequent disease, which are now desolating large districts in Ireland, and in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, cannot permit the present Session of the Legislature to close, without an expression of their sympathy with the numerous sufferers under the present calamity, and without an attempt, commensurate in some degree with the ability of the Colony, to aid the benevolence of our fellow colonists and fellow subjects throughout the empire, now so actively and admirably exerted for their relief.

II. That his Excellency the Governor, and the Honourable Board of Council, be invited to concur in a grant of money from the Public Treasury of the Colony, to be placed at the disposal of Her Majesty's Government, in aid of the collections for the relief of the afflicted and suffering people of Ireland and Scotland.

III. That the Receiver-General and Treasurer be, and he is hereby indemnified for, paying out of the Public Treasury the sum of 500*l.*, and that he, the said Treasurer do invest the said sum in a Commissariat draft on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and made payable to the order of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, for the purpose stated in the preceding resolutions.

IV. That his Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to transmit the said contribution to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, with a request that Her Majesty's Government will apply the same for the relief of our destitute fellow subjects in Ireland and Scotland, as, from the exigencies of the case, may appear to them expedient.

Passed the House of Assembly, 23rd day of March, A.D., 1847,
G. E. ANDERSON, Speaker.

Passed the Legislative Council, 24th day of March, 1847,
J. C. LEES, President.

No. 10.

(No. 6.)

No. 10.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Governor NESBITT to Earl GREY.

Government House, Bahamas,
9th May, 1847.

MY LORD,

WITH reference to Despatch, No. 26, of His Excellency Governor Mathew, of 9th of April last, I have now the honour to enclose to your Lordship, for the relief of the sufferers by famine in Ireland and Scotland, Mr. Deputy Commissary-General Archer's receipt for the further sum of 42*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.* sterling, being amount subsequently collected in this colony, according to the following detail, viz :—

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BAHAMAS.

	£.	s.	d.
Royal Artillery	1	3	5
2nd West Indian Regiment	27	8	4
Mr. Thomas Rumer's congregation . .	3	12	1
St. John's Church Harbour Island . .	2	12	1
Alfred J. Duncome, Esq., Judge of Superior Court at the Turk's Island . .	5	4	2
Collected at Turk's Island by Rev. Wm. Rycroft, Baptist minister . . .	2	1	8
Extras	0	3	10
	£42	5	7

I have, &c.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey, (Signed) C. R. NESBITT.
&c. &c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 10.

Encl. in No. 10.

£42 5*s.* 7*d.* sterling. Commissariat, Bahamas, 7th May, 1847.

RECEIVED into the Commissariat chest from J. G. Anderson, Esq., Receiver-General and Treasurer, the sum of forty-two pounds five shillings and sevenpence sterling (in 202 dollars, 3*s.* 10*d.* British silver, and 1*d.* copper), being amount of additional subscriptions for the relief of the famishing Scotch and Irish people, to be repaid in England to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

F. B. ARCHER,
Assistant Commissary-General.

BARBADOS.

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(No. 23.) No. 11.

No. 11.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor REID to Earl GREY.

Government House, Barbados,
15th March, 1847.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to lay before your Lordship a printed and authenticated transcript of "An Act," passed by the Legislature of Barbadoes, "for granting a sum of money in aid of the funds now being raised for the relief of the suffering poor of Ireland and Scotland," with the Attorney-General's opinion on the same.

Act No. 5.
3 March, 1847.

I have, &c.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey, (Signed) W. REID.
&c. &c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 11.

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No. 5, BARBADOS.—An Act for granting a sum of Money in aid of the Funds now being raised for the relief of the suffering poor of Ireland and Scotland.

WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God to visit a large portion of the poor in the remote parishes of Ireland and Scotland with extreme distress and want of food: And whereas an Association has been formed in England for their relief, under the denomination of "The British Association for the Relief of Extreme Distress in the remote Parishes of Ireland and Scotland:" And whereas the inhabitants of this Her Majesty's ancient and loyal colony of Barbados, impressed with feelings of deep sympathy for their poor distressed fellow subjects, are desirous, through the Legislature, of testifying the same by a grant from the Public Treasury of the island: Be it therefore enacted by the Honourable John Rycroft Best, President of Her Majesty's Council and Commander-in-Chief of this island, Chancellor, Ordinary, and Vice-Admiral of the same, the honourable the members of Her Majesty's Council, and the General Assembly of this island, and by the authority of the same,—that a sum of two thousand pounds sterling money shall be, and the same is hereby granted towards the relief of the suffering poor in Ireland and Scotland.

I. Two thousand pounds sterling is granted towards the relief of the suffering poor in Ireland and Scotland.

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II. The Governor is to appoint a Commission to decide on the best mode of dispensing the Grant.

II. And to the intent that the most judicious arrangements may be made in dispensing the grant. Be it enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor or Commander-in-Chief of this island for the time being to appoint by Commission two members of Her Majesty's Council, three members of the General Assembly, and five merchants of the city of Bridgetown, to be Commissioners for giving effect to the provisions of this Act; and the said Governor or Commander-in-Chief in Council is hereby requested and empowered to issue his Warrant to the Treasurer of the island for the time being, requiring him to pay the said sum of two thousand pounds sterling money to the said Commissioners; and the said Commissioners, in the exercise of their discretion, shall have power either to lay out the said sum of money in the purchase of provisions, or other necessary things, either in this island or elsewhere, and to cause the same to be shipped and transported; or to remit the said sum of money by bills of exchange, or in specie, to the said Association so formed in England as aforesaid, to be by them applied and disposed of towards affording relief to the suffering poor of Ireland and Scotland. And should the said sum of money by this Act granted for the purposes aforesaid, or any part thereof, be applied in the purchase of any produce of this island, subject to the payment of Export Duty, such duty shall be and the same is hereby remitted.

III. The Commissioners to report their proceedings to the Governor.

III. And be it further enacted, that the said Commissioners, charged with carrying out the provisions of this Act, shall certify their proceedings to the Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, for the information of the Legislature.

Read three times and passed the Legislative Council this third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

JAMES WALKER,
Clerk of Council.

Assented to this 3rd of March, 1847,
J. RYCROFT BEST,
President.

Read three times and passed the General Assembly, nemine contradicente, this third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

JOHN MAYERS,
Clerk of the General Assembly.

A true Copy,

JAS. WALKER, Colonial Secretary.

This Act is unobjectionable in my opinion.

J. SEALY, Attorney-General.

GRENADA.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Governor HAMILTON to Earl GREY.

Government House, Grenada,
24th April, 1847.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to enclose to your Lordship a letter addressed to the Lord Mayor of London, containing remittances amounting to the sum of 538*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.*, which has been subscribed by the inhabitants of this colony, for the relief of the distressed poor in Ireland and Scotland, and which I think it my duty to transmit through your Lordship.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the sympathy and kind feeling shown by all classes of this community towards those who are suffering from the severe visitation of sickness and famine.

The sum now forwarded is not the entire amount of the subscriptions raised in Grenada for this charitable purpose; as other monies have, I understand, been received by four of the Roman Catholic clergy, and remitted through, or under advice of, Bishop Smith of Trinidad.

I have, &c.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey, &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) KER B. HAMILTON.

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No. 13.

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Copy of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Governor Græme to Earl Grey.

My Lord, Government House, Tobago, 4th May, 1847.

In pursuance with the sixth resolution, unanimously adopted at a public meeting held in this island, "for the purpose of taking into consideration the destitution which prevails in Ireland, and part of the Highlands of Scotlands," I do myself the honour to place in the hands of your Lordship the first of two sets of Exchange for 150*l.* and 160*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.*, making a total of 310*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.*

Although this is only a mite in comparison with the gigantic efforts made by the richer provinces for the relief of our destitute fellow-countrymen, your Lordship will learn with pleasure that the negro population of Tobago have come forward on this occasion with much liberality and good feeling.

I have, &c.,

The Right Honourable Earl Grey, (Signed) L. GRÆME.
&c. &c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 13.

Encl. in No. 13.

Destitution in Ireland and the Highlands!

At a public meeting, held in the Court-house, Scarborough, on Tuesday, the 30th March, 1847; for the purpose of taking into consideration the destitution which prevails in Ireland, and part of the Highlands of Scotland:—

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Chair.

The following resolutions were unanimously agreed to:—

Moved by his Honour the Chief-Justice, and seconded by the Hon. James H. Keens.

1st. That the calamitous destitution and disease, which at present exists among the labouring population of Ireland, and part of the Highlands of Scotland, arising from the failure of the principal article of their food, call for the deepest sympathy of the inhabitants of this colony.

Moved by the Hon. Alexander McPherson, and seconded by the Hon. Henry Yeates.

2nd. That subscriptions be set on foot as a substantial expression of our sympathy for the sufferings of our fellow-subjects, and that all classes of the inhabitants in this island, be solicited to aid to the utmost of their ability, in alleviating the prevailing distress and misery.

Moved by the Hon. the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and seconded by the Hon. A. McPherson.

3rd. That a general Committee be now appointed for carrying into effect the object of this meeting, to consist of—

His Honour the Chief-Justice,
Hon. Alexander McPherson,
Hon. Henry Rose Hamilton,
Alexander MacDougall, Esq.,
Peter Tait, Esq.,
J. T. Comissiong, Esq.,
Robert Gordon, Esq.,
S. N. Rooks, Esq.,
W. A. Child, Secretary,
Hon. J. H. Keens, Treasurer.

Five to form a quorum.

Moved by the Hon. James H. Keens, and seconded by the Hon. Dr. MacPherson.

4th. That Parochial Committees be appointed, consisting of the clergy, the ministers of religion of all persuasions, the stipendiary magistrates, and justices of the peace, to aid in soliciting and collecting subscriptions from all who are willing to contribute in even the smallest degree to the relief of their suffering fellow-subjects; and that the name of every subscriber, with the amount of subscription, be entered in lists, to be taken round for this purpose.

Moved by Peter Tait, Esq., and seconded by the Hon. Henry R. Hamilton.

5th. That the Parochial Committees be requested to transmit to the General Committee, or the treasurer thereof, as speedily as possible, all sums collected by them, with the subscription lists.

Moved by James Willington, Esq., and seconded by Peter Tait, Esq.

6th. That the General Committee be empowered to remit all sums realized, with the least

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possible delay, to the Right Hon. Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, through his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be forwarded to the Irish and Scotch Relief Committees, for distribution.

The Chief-Justice having taken the Chair, the thanks of the meeting were unanimously voted to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for his conduct in the Chair.

W. A. CHILD,

Secretary to the General Committee.

ST. LUCIA.

No. 14.

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No. 14.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Colonel HAY, administering the Government of St. Lucia, to Earl GREY.

MY LORD, St. Lucia, 26th April, 1847.

I HAVE the honour to enclose a Bill of Exchange for the sum of £604 0*s.* 11*d.* sterling, collected in this island, in aid of the people in a state of starvation in Ireland and Scotland.

I trust your Lordship will pardon the liberty I have taken in thus addressing you. My anxiety to have this charitable donation conveyed with safety to those for whom it has been raised must plead my apology for troubling your Lordship.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Earl Grey, (Signed) C. HAY.
&c. &c. &c.

ANTIGUA.

No. 15.

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(No. 30.) No. 15.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor HIGGINSON to Earl GREY.

Government House, Antigua,
MY LORD, 11th May, 1847.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of your Lordship, that the private subscriptions collected in this island for the relief of the distressed Irish and Scotch, amounted to £645 2*s.* 3*d.* sterling, of which £444 12*s.* 3*d.* was remitted to Messrs. Latouch and Co., Dublin, for the former, and £200 10*s.* to Henry Brock, Esq., Banker, Glasgow, for the latter.

It was gratifying to observe that many of the emancipated race readily united with the other classes of the community in contributing to this charitable object.

Subscriptions for the same purpose have also been raised in the other islands, but I have not been informed of the sums realized.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Earl Grey, (Signed) J. HIGGINSON.
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 16.

No. 16.

COPY of a DESPATCH from President CLAXTON to Earl GREY.

Government House, St. Christopher,
10th April, 1847.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit copy of a resolution entered into by the Honourable Board of Council. and House of Assembly of this island, also a Colonial Bank bill for £505 5*s.* 3*d.*, in the purchase of which the grant for £500 sterling has been invested, and I pray your Lordship on the part of the legislature of this island that the amount may be applied in the discretion of your Lordship to the relief of the sufferers as contemplated by the resolution enclosed.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) R. CLAXTON.

Enclosure in No. 16.

Encl. in No. 16.

ST. CHRISTOPHER,

At a Meeting of the Council and Assembly, held at the Court House, in the town of Bassaterre, on Thursday, the 8th day of April, 1847.

It was resolved,

THAT the sum of Five hundred pounds sterling be voted in aid of the distressed Irish and Scotch, and that his Honour the President administering the Government, be requested to transmit the same to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

A true Copy,

R. S. HARPER, Clerk to the Council.

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(No. 53.) No. 17.

No. 17.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor LIGHT to Earl GREY.

Government House, Demerara,
19th March, 1847.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship, a further instalment from subscriptions in favour of the Irish and Scotch distressed peasantry, being first of exchange for 1000*l.*

It may be right to state, that amongst the subscriptions from the rural districts, those of many Coolies are to be ranked, who have contributed a day's wages cheerfully.

I also have the honour to enclose a second of exchange, first and third not paid, for 1200*l.*, in reference to the enclosure in Despatch No. 50, date 5th instant, transmitted by last mail.

I have again to apologize for consenting to the proposal of making your Lordship the medium of the contributions from this colony, it being considered the safest way of ensuring an impartial distribution.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c &c. &c.

(Signed) H. LIGHT.

Colonial Bank, Berbice Branch . 213 3 6
Ditto, Demerara Branch . . . 786 16 6
£1000 0 0

Vide Governor Light's Dispatch, 5th March, 1847, No. 50. Papers ordered by the House of Lords to be printed, Session 1847, No. 312., and by the House of Commons, No. 287.

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No 18.

(No. 65.)

No. 18.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor LIGHT to Earl GREY.

Government House, Demerara,
2nd April, 1847.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour of transmitting to your Lordship, a third instalment of subscriptions to the relief of the distressed Irish and Scotch, being in amount by bill on the Colonial Bank, for 550*l.*

I do not believe, this is the last of the sympathies in favour of our less fortunate brethren. I enclose a second of exchange for 786*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*, obtained in George Town. The second of exchange, making 1000*l.*, transmitted by last mail has not been sent from Berbice.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H. LIGHT.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

P. S. The second of exchange from Berbice, for 213*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* having arrived, it is forwarded.

No. 19.

(No. 75.)

No. 19.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor LIGHT to Earl GREY.

MY LORD, Government House, Demerara, 18th April, 1847.

I have the honour to transmit an additional contribution towards the destitute Irish and Scotch, in two Bills of Exchange on Colonial Bank, London, for £250; as also a second of Exchange for £550, first and third unpaid.

	£.	s.	d.
Berbice	106	16	6
Demerara	134	3	6

I beg also to enclose a letter from the Honorary Secretary of Committee, in which he gives hopes of further remittance and of contribution from the general funds of the Colony by the Combined Court. Again repeating my hope that your Lordship will not disapprove of my acceding to the wish of the Committee and community, that the sums collected should be distributed by your Lordship, as being the surest way of securing impartiality.

I have, &c.
(Signed) H. LIGHT.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

Encl. in No 19.

Enclosure in No. 19.

Georgetown, Demerara, April 17, 1847.

SIR,

I HAVE the great satisfaction of again handing to your Excellency for transmission to the Right Hon. Earl Grey, a further sum of £250, making a total of £3000 sterling by private contributions from this colony in relief of the destitute of Ireland and Scotland.

First of Exc., Colonial Bank, Demerara Branch	143	3	6
Ditto Berbice Branch	106	16	6
£250	0	0	

Independently of this amount, various sums have been forwarded by religious bodies and through private channels for the same purpose, and by the ensuing packet I expect a further and final sum (from the Society) will be sent on.

I am, however, led to believe and hope from the universal sympathy evinced by this community, substantially proved by the amount of individual subscriptions from every class, grade, complexion, that the Combined Court, now in Session, will feel itself authorised to make a grant in aid of the distresses of our country, thus showing both publicly and privately how deeply British Guiana has felt, and how ready to tender its meed of assistance.

I have, &c.
(Signed) W. H. HOLMES, Honorary Secretary,
Central Committee Irish and Scotch Relief Society.

His Excellency Governor Light,
&c. &c.

No. 20.

(No. 115.)

No. 20.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor LIGHT to Earl GREY.

Government House, Demerara,
3rd June, 1847.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to enclose a letter from the High Sheriff Bagot, conveying to me another mite from British Guiana in favour of our distressed countrymen of Ireland and Scotland; being a first of exchange for 170*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*, sterling, which I respectfully request your Lordship to pay to the Committee, on behalf of the colony.

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Your Lordship's thanks have been conveyed to the Committee here, of which the High Sheriff is President, and have been highly appreciated. It has been very satisfactory to me, that in consenting to make your Lordship the medium of this work of charity I have not been disapproved.

This colony is peculiarly blessed at this moment with the greatest abundance of every necessary of life. Plantains, the staple food of the negros, are in such quantity that a bunch which I have known to cost one dollar, is now selling, and has been selling a considerable time past, for 8*d.*, or two bits; all other common vegetable edible is in the same proportion, while the price of bread stuffs and dry provisions are in nothing increased in price, yet wages remain the same. Some slight increase has taken place in fresh meats, but none in salt provisions. In no place in the world is a labourer so favoured as in this colony.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. Earl Grey, (Signed) H. LIGHT.
&c. &c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 20.

Encl. in No. 20.

SIR, George Town, 2nd June, 1847.

YOUR Excellency is aware that the Central Committee appointed at the general meeting at which your Excellency presided, for carrying out the collections in aid of our suffering Irish and Scotch fellow subjects, dissolved itself on the 1st May, having previously deputed to me the receiving and transmitting, through your Excellency, any small gleanings of the subscriptions which might yet be sent in. These gleanings have exceeded our expectations, and it affords me a high gratification, in following out the views of the late Committee, to have the honour now of enclosing Bills of Exchange on the Colonial Bank for 170*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*, making, with the sums previously remitted, the amount of 3170*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*; a contribution from the colony under your Excellency's government highly creditable to the inhabitants at large.

I have, &c.,

His Excellency Governor Light, (Signed) GEO. BAGOT.
&c. &c. &c.

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